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Application of: Masanori KUSUNOKI et al.

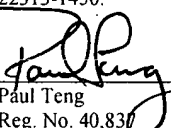
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For: MAINTENANCE/RECOVERY DEVICE FOR LIQUID DISCHARGE DEVICE, AND
IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in response to the final Office Action dated December 26, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** beginning on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.